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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF HANDLOOM TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details about annual budget, courses, number of students and performance report of all six Indian Institute of Handloom Technology;
- (b) whether IIHTs still not capable to inspire more youths to make career in Handloom sector;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for better performance of the aforesaid Institutes?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) At present, 4 Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology (IIHTs) at Varanasi, Salem, Guwahati and Jodhpur are functioning in the Central Sector and 2 Institutes namely, Shri Pragada Kotaiah Memorial Indian Institute of Handloom Technology at Venkatagiri and Karnataka Handloom Technology Institute at Gadag are functioning in the State Sector. The details of the budget, courses etc. are as follows:

- (i) Budget Estimate for the year 2004-05 of 6 Institutes : Rs. 5.25 crore
- (ii) Courses conducted : i) 3 years Diploma in Handloom Technology in all Institutes.
ii) 1 ½ years Post Diploma in Textile Chemistry in IIHT, Salem and Varanasi.
- (iii) Number of students : i) Number of seats for Diploma in Handloom Technology in 6 Institutes are 305 and against this, number of students admitted during the year 2004-05 are 299. Offer of admission has been issued to another 4 students who may join shortly.
ii) Number of seats for Post Diploma in Textile Chemistry in 2 Institutes are 20 and against this, number of students admitted during the year 2004-05 are 20.
- (iv) Performance : These Institutes are providing technically qualified professionals for meeting the requirements of the Textile Sector, including Handloom Sector.

(b) & (c) IIHTs have been attracting youths for their career in Handloom Sector. Against the total number of seats of 305 in Diploma in Handloom Technology, 299 students have been admitted during the year 2004-05. Similarly, against the total number of seats of 20 in Post Diploma in Textile Chemistry, all have been filled up. In some of the Institutes like Salem, Varanasi, Jodhpur etc., the students were put in the waiting list. However, they could not be admitted as all the seats got filled up in the Institutes concerned.

(d) Government of India, from time to time has taken steps for improving performance of the institutes in the Central Sector. Some of the steps taken as follows:-

- i) Institutes have been equipped/up-graded with the requisite machines, equipments and necessary infrastructure.
- ii) Up-gradation of the curriculum to match with the changing requirement of the industry.

- iii) Provision has been made to invite guest faculty to update the knowledge of the students with the latest trends and development in the industry.
- iv) To organize all India Educational Tours/Technical visits for the students to expose them with the wide varieties of the products produced in different part of the country, use of latest technology etc.
- v) Training of faculty.
- vi) A Placement Brochure is also printed by the IIHTs for better employment avenues and wider publicity.